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A Democratic Senator of Crawford Decides That It Is Better to Become a Co-Operator Than to Sit on the Fence and Find Fault-Representative Reynolds Gives Evidence of Having Been Brought Under Control of Ex-Mayor Fellows-The Constituents of Mr. Reynolds Attempt the Work of Rescue-Surprises in Store for Insurgents.

Editorial Correspondence of The Tribune. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30.-After

Sunday of quiet Harrisburg tonight took on the aspect of a political storm center. Every train during the late afternoon and evening poured in its quota and at midnight the hotels were like bee-hives preliminary to a swarm. The first of the Scranton contingent to arrive came Saturday afternoon, when Congressman Connell, Postmaster Ripple and a small group of stalwarts occupied rooms at the Commonwealth. With them, but not of them, came Representative Reynolds, chaperoned by ex-Mayor Fellows. Mr. Fellows is a candidate for appointment as county controller, and he seems to have concluded that a likely way to promote his chances of getting the honor was to steer Mr. Reynolds into the arms of the insurgents. All Saturday afternoon and evening and all day today he stuck to Reynolds closer than a brother, guiding him into repeated conferences with E. A. Van Valkenberg and causing him to hear large tales of great insurgent expectations, Tonight a delegation of stalwarts from Reynolds' district, including Select Councilman Oliver, County Chairman Davis, George Davis and James Casterline, of Providence, and Assessors Rinsland and Jones appeared on the seene to remonstrate with Reynolds for his threatened bolt, but with what success remains to be seen. The Quay people have made no effort to influence Reynolds to remain true to his oftrepeated pledge to enter the caucus and abide by its result. Whether Reynolds decides on political suicide or not, they will easily organize the house and senate and name their favorite for United States senator, the safe majority necessary having been irrevocably pledged days ago, but the defection of Reynolds may operate disadvantageously upon the interests of his district and detrimentally to the city and county. It is to this that his constituents are objecting.

The sensation of the day was the declaration of Senator Washburn, of Crawford, a Populist elected in 1898 on a Democratic and Prohibition fusion ticket, that he had decided to embrace the Republican party and train with it in organizing the senate. This breaks the insurgents' hopes of a tie vote and Insures the election of Senator Snyder as presiding officer. This is only one of the surprises in store for them. Developments are to come which will add appreciably to their very evident demoralization.

Among the Republicans of Lackawanna in evidence here tonight, in addition to those already named, are M. W. Lowry, George W. Jenkins, N. S. Davis, Postmaster Griffiths, of Jermyn; Thomas Jordan, of Olyphant; ex-Representatives Farr, Reynolds, Timlin, Burke, Connell, Jones, of Carbondale, and Beck, of Moscow; Thurston Parker, Edward Northup, Harry Seamans, Harry Dale, G. M. Wallace, John Edwards.

The four representatives are on the ground, Messrs. Scheuer, James and Philbin, having arrived tonight and taken rooms at the Lochiel. Senator Vaughan will be on hand tomorrow. Livy S. Richard.

WASHBURN SENSATION.

The Senator from Crawford Takes a Stand for Good Government.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 30 .- Senator Washburn, of Crawford county, who was elected two years ago as a Populist with Democratic and Prohibition endorsement, issued a formal statement tonight, announcing that he had allied himself with the Republican party and shall participate in its councils and organization. Mr. Washburn voted with the Democracy at the last session for George A. Jenks for United States senator and took part in its councils and voted for all party meas-

ures. His statement follows: I was elected two years ago as a Populist, re-Hoping to secure results along reform I co-operated with the Democrats during last session, but was disappointed in the

with all other forces to secure needed legisla-tion. The example of the national Democratic convention in refusing to indorse Towne because he was an old line Democrat is an illustration of the spirit which has largely prevailed among Democratic leaders in this commonwealth; nor have the insurgent Republicans shown any deire to co-operate with others for any purpos except personal or partisan gain for themselves The disrepute into which the regular Republican organization was brought previous to 1808 was caused by the scandals and corruption of which he members of the Pittsburg and Philadelphi political rings were guilty. It was not Quay as much as the unscrupulous work of his fol-lowers in the two cities that precipitated the factional fight in the Republican party. Now the nembers of these rings, who are the real cul prits the people ought to punish have raised a cry for "reform," and under cover of opposition to Quay cunningly seek to profit by the reaction against their party that their own misdeed

Desires to Be a Co-Operator.

Since the last election I have considered mos

as permanently settled, and while I do not regret my support of Mr. Bryan under the circu tances I believe that the tremendous popula majority given to the Republican administration takes out of the realm of practical consideration most of the problems then discussed. Desiring to be a co-operator rather than a fault-finder, rec-ognizing that the People's party in Pennsylvania is extinct as a state organization and that the overwhelming majority of the people of this ommonwealth desire an instant cessation of the actional strife that has for years corrupted the polities and prevented the proper administration of the affairs of the state, I shall henceforth ally myself with the Republican party. In this course I believe I shall be upheld by the majority of the people both in my district and throughout the country. Neither the Democratic organization, controlled by the tandard oil influence, nor the insurgent organization, whose leaders have been unequalled in corruption since the days of Tweed, attracts me, and in the future, following the example o United States senators, Stewart and Kyle. other equally prominent leaders who have been active in their efforts for better govern-ment, I shall work for all those better condiions in polities which sincere Democrats and all good citizens desire, and shall strive earnestly as a Republican for high ideals within the party and the right settlement of the intricate problems that confront the national and state dministrations. In allying myself with the Republican party I shall participate in its coun-

Quay's Friends in Control.

Mr. Washburn's declaration created much surprise, as he was counted on by the Democrats to vote with them on the organization of the senate and for the party nominee for United States senator. His desertion gives the friends of Colonel M. S. Quay control of the senate and practically insures the election of William P. Snyder, of Chester, as president pro tem. United States Senator Penrose, who is here aiding Colonel Quay in his canvass for United States senator, says the action of Senator Washburn is another instance of the drift of political thought now going on and that as far as Pennsylvania is concerned, the Populist party is disintegrated. is apparent," Mr. Penrose said, "that if any reform legislation is to be passed at the present legislative session, it can only be accomplished through the harmonious co-operation of the regular Republican organiza-

The Washburn incident has made no naterial change in the calculations of Colonel Quay's opponents. They still insist that the former senator will not be elected and that the anti-Quay Republicans and Democrats will control the organization of the house. Senator William Flinn, of Allegheny, the leader of the anti-Quay Republicans in Western Pennsylvania, said tonight that the defeat of Quay for senator and William T. Marshall for speaker was absolutely assured.

Stalwart Republicans Jubilant.

Mr. Marshall says positively that the stalwart Republicans will organize the house and that he will be elected speaker. Colonel Quay's friends are ubilant over the accession of Senator Washburn and profess to be absolutely confident of his election. A caucus of the anti-Quay Republicans will be held tomorrow to formulate a plant for fusion with the Democrats on the organization of the house. A candidate for United States senator may also be chosen. The stalwart Republicans of the senate and house will hold caucuses tomorrow evening to select officers and employes, and on Tuesday evening to formally nominate Colonel Quay for senutor.

Senator C. L. Magee, of Allegheny, who has been under the treatment of Philadelphia specialist since the lose of the last legislature, came, to Harrisburg today to attend the session. Mr. Magee says he is gradually regaining his health and that he will take his seat in the senate on Tuesday. He has leased a house in Harrisburg and expects to stay here during the session with his family.

DEMOCRATS TAKE ACTION.

They Pass Resolutions Condemning the Course of Senator Washburn.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 30 .- A meeting of the thirty Democratic senators and members in the city was held tonight to take action on the desertion of Senator Washburn, and a committee of three was appointed to wait upon the senator and another committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions against him.

The resolutions committee reported

the following, which were adopted: Resolved. That it is the sense of the Demo cratic members of the general assembly that the reasons given for this proposed action of affiliating with the corrupt Quay machine but thinly disguised his disgraceful conduct in proing recreant to the trust reposed in him by the Democratic voters and good citizens of bi-

Resolved. That it has been more than a gen eration since our state was brought into like shame and disrepute by the bad faith and recreant conduct of three members of the assembl cats, their fealty to their party and their obligations to the people of their district to represent honestly and faithfully the trust reposed in them and whose names have become a reproach and a byword throughout the state as faithless legis

Resolved. That while we recognize the right ceiving the support of the Prohibitionists and a larger share of the Democratic voters in my distance. Hoping to secure results along reform Washburn in allying himself with the Quay maoperated with the Democrats during chine, which he has so frequently and carnestly ession, but was disappointed in the denounced in the past when the result of his The Democrats of the state have coarse must inevitably lead, if successful, to record to be more intent upon partisan and per-ronal advantage than in a sister to co-operate servile elements of the Republican party

BIG MEETING OF HEBREWS

Union of Gongregations is Attended by Representatives of 96 Orthodox Organizations.

ADVANCE JUDAISM

Dr. Mendes Denounces the Intermarriage of Jews and Gentiles as Being Inimical to the Interests of Judaism - Correspondence with Seth Low and the President of the United States Regarding a Proposed Substitute for the Red Cross for Jewish Surgeons in the Army.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prest, New York, Dec. 30.-The blennial meeting of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew congregations was held today in this city. The meeting was attended by representatives from ninety-six orthodox congregations in the United States and Canada.

Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendez, president of the union, occupied the chair, among those present were:
N. Dembitz, of Louisville; Dr. S. S. Cohen, of Philadelphia; Dr. A. Friedenwald, of Baltimore: H. K. Sarasch, of New York; Rev. M De Sola, of Montreal; Rev. Dr. P. Klein, Joseph Bluementhal, Dr. Cyrus Adler, L. Napoleon, Levy I. Silverman, Max Deutschman and Jacob Hecht.

The union was organized two and a half years ago for the purpose of advancing the interests of positive biblical, rabbinical and historical Judaism. Not being a synod, the meeting has no authority to amend religious questions. but, as an assembly of representative men and congregations, it was the intention of the meeting to take such steps as they could for the advancement of the interests of the creed. The Rev. H. P. Mendes, president, made the opening address, in which he explained what the union desired to do,

and said in part: "We differ from our reform Jews in our insistence of a thorough knowledge of the teachings of our holy book, combined with loyalty to the principles of obedience to established rulings, which shall not be amended except by the best attainable wisdom of experts. And perhaps we differ from some upholders of one form of orthodoxy in our conception of what constitutes orthodox Judaism, which to us seems to require a permanent council to regard the interests of our religion by defining Jewish duty in response to new conditions which so frequently arise.

Evils of Reform

The evil of reform Judaism is that changes are made frequently by men who do not claim to be experts. The standard of learning among the older ministers was very high, but among the younger ones who have received their Hebrew education in this country only, the standard is not so high as it should be. Even laymen as trustees of congregations presume to introduce innovations, and the result of this is that as individuals they carry the principle of liberty to do as they please into their home and personal lives. The Jewish features of orthodoxy are gradually omitted, and sconer

or later nothing Jewish remains. "The necessity of a synod that should be a permanent body and composed of representatives from all parts of the world, so that Judaism in our country will be the same as Judaism in another country, becomes apparent when we read of the action taken by the eigh teenth council of the Union of Americar. Reformed Hebrew congregations, held in Richmond, on December 3, last year. At that session they adopted resolutions declaring that 'the Jews are not a nation. America is our ziji." Against such a radical departure from the teachings of Jeremiah we must emphatically protest, for such gross misrepresentations of Judaism and its will will mislead many Hebrews, as well as many of our neighbors of an alien faith, by causing them to believe that we no longer entertain the ideal of Jewish nationality."

Mr. Mendes dwelt at some length on the fact that many Jews are content with such divorces as they can obtain from the civil courts of the country, the custom of widows marrying the brothers of their deceased husbands and of the intermarriage of Jews and Gentiles, all of which he denounced as being inimical to the interests of Juda-

Peace Conference.

Dr. Mendes then spoke of the correspondence which he had had with Seth Low, of the American peace commission to The Hague, concerning the proposed action of the peace conference in connection with the Geneva Red Cross convention. The letter to Seth Low and another to the president of the United States were in relation to the substitution of another emblem than the Red Cross for Jewish surgeons, nurses, etc., who had conscientious scruples against wearing what is an emblem associated with a religion whose doctrines are antagonistic to their own.

Seth Low replied that the commission would do what they could to carry the dea into effect; and the president resaying the matter had been brought to the attention of the secretary of state. The following resolu were adopted:

"That a committee be appointed to form unions for the purpose of instructing the young in English. "That on the eve of all Jewish fes tivals and holidays, an explanation of the significance of the same be sent to the Associated Press, together with request that they publish the same.

"That the executive committee take such steps as they may deem advisable to further Sabbath observance, That a committee be appointed to

ommunicate with the national government at Washington, asking them to provide chaplains in the United States army and navy to minister to the religious instruction of the Hebrews in

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that branch of the service. Storm of Opposition.

A resolution providing for special services for the instruction of the young brought forth a storm of oppo-sition and the resolution was finally referred to the executive committee for such action as they may deem proper after careful consideration. The mafority of those who spoke on this resolution were of the opinion that any special service would tend to lessen the espect which the children would have for the regular service and that in no way could they be so effectively taught to reverence the divine service than by participation in it in common with

A full list of officers for 1901 were elected, headed by Rev. Dr. Mendes as This closed the business of the meet-

RAILROAD MEN RESTLESS

Employes of the Central of New Jersey Make a Request for an Increase.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.-The Herald will

say tomorrow: Negotiations between the board of federation, representing the engineers, conductors, firemen, brakemen and telegraphers employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and the officers of the company, over the demand of the employes for a new scale of wages and agreement, were terminated Saturday night, the employes and employers being unable to come to an arreement.

The company virtually rejected the lemands of the board of federation committee, of which L. P. Titus is The proposed wage scale chairman. had been under consideration since last May

A merting of the chief officers of the various brotherhoods will endeavor to have the railroad company accept the new winge scale. They will meet in Jersey City the latter part of this week

The proposed scale provides for an average increase of about \$5 per month in the salaries of the brakemen, firemen and telegraphers, with passes for the men and wives, where married, who have been in the service of the company for ten years. The engineers want ten hours to constitute a day's work with them at a minimum wage scale of \$3,50 a day.

SCOUTING IN LUZON.

American Regiments Are Picking Up Prisoners Throughout the Country.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Manila, Dec. 30.-Today brought nany reports of captures of insurgents as the result of scouting throughout Luzon. The Americans in this work sustained no casualties

A detachment of the Fourth regiment captured sixty in the province of Ceneral Wheaton reports having

aptured and burned Gremorios' camp the peninsula, near San Antonio. General Funston reports that five inurgents were killed and several capared near Gaysan. Near Moriones yesterday a dozen in-

urgents were killed and eight wound-Near Aliajan today Captain Mendo-

za, with thirty men of Sandico's command, surrendered. Detachments of the Eleventh and Ninth cavalry killed twelve insurgents and destroyed several camps in the Camarines district.

MRS. NATION REFUSES BAIL.

If Released from Jail She Threatens to Demolish More Furniture.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wichita, Kan., Dec. 30,-Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Woman's Christian Temperance union woman who broke mirrors and destroyed a valuable painting in a Wichita saloon, has refused ball secured by her co-workers. She now says that under no circumstances will she step out of jail until cleared of the charge against her and the Woman's Christian Temperance union has practically abandoned their effort to secure

Mrs. Nation says if she is released from imprisonment she will demolish saloon furniture in other Kansas cities.

THE CHINESE ACCEPT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 31 .- Wiring to the Times from Pekin yesterday, Dr. Morrison says:

"The Chinese have accepted all the conditions of the joint note. They are sending formal acecotances by an envoy and ask that negotiations should commence forthwith, and military operations cease.

Three Men Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 30.—Three men were killed in Abbeville last night, including the drunken man who started the trouble. William Kyle, of Massachusetts, who has been superinending the building of a cetton mill in Abbeille, was playing cards at a hotel when John bansby, an outsider, who was drunk, interfered with the game. An alterestion ensued, and Dansby shot Kyle dead. He fled, but was overtaken by Sheriff Kennedy. Both began firing at once and each fell dead from the other's bullet,

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. 30.-Arrived: Minneapolis, London; La Gascogne, Havre, Sailed: Anchoria, Glasgow. Queenstown—Sailed: Servia, Liverpool, New York.

Fatal Election Riot.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Madrid. Dec. 30.-Two persons were killed and eleven seriously wounded at Vivar, province of irenada, during an election riot

ROOSEVELT TO Y. M. C. A.

The Memorable Address Delivered at Garnegle Hall, New York, Yesterday Afternoon.

HEARD OVER THE LAND

The Speech Delivered by the Vice-President-Elect Is Read Aloud Before More Than One Hundred Other Associations About the Country at the Same Time-Good Advice for Christian Workers BAD NEWS FROM Everywhere,

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 30.-Governor Roosevelt spoke this afternoon at Carnegle hall before an audience of young men that completely filled the house. It was a mass meeting arranged by the Young Men's Christian association of the city, but it was somewhat unique in the fact that the chief speaker was in a way addressing mare than a hundred other audiences throughout the country. It had been arranged so that copies of Governor Roosevelt's address had been secured in advance and sent to secretaries of associations throughout the country, and it was said that the address was read aloud at more than a hundred other meetings at the same hour.

William E. Dodge presided, and among those on the platform were General O. O. Howard, General John R. Brooke and various officers of the harbor forts and the navy yard. There were also more than a hundred blue jackets and soldiers present, most of whom are members of the army and navy branch of the association. The New York testival chorus had elevated seats on the platform and conducted by Prof. Morgan, the director, rendered musical selections. Mr. Dodge spoke briefly on the history of the Young Men's Christian associations, and then eulogized Colonel Roosevelt in the various capacities in which he is known to the public. The vice president-elect was received with proionged applause. He spoke as fol-

Roosevelt's Address.

It is a peculiar pleasure to me to come before you today to greet you and to bear testimony to the great good that has been done by these Young Men's and Young Women's Christian asso-ciations, throughout the United States and the Dominion of Canada. More and more we are getting to recognize the law of combination. This is true in many phases of our industrial life, and it is equally true of the world of philanthropic effort. Nowhere is it, or will it ever be, possible to supplant individual effort and individual initiative; but in addition to this there must be work in combination. More and more this is recognized.

The Boers admit that in their tight in combination. More and more this is recognized as true not only in charitable work proper, but in that best form of philanthropic endeavor where we do good to ourselves by all joining together to do good for one another. This is exactly what is done in your associations.

It seems to me that there are several reasons why you are entitled to especial recognition from all who are interested in the betterment of our American social system. First and foremost your hood, the most vital of all our needs here in this great continent. The existence of a Young Men's Young Women's Christian associations is tain proof that some people at least recognize in practical shape the identity of aspiration and interest both in things material and things higher, which with us must be widespread through the masses of the people, if the national life is to attain full development. This spirit of brotherhood recognizes of necessity both the need of self help and also the uced of helping others in the only way which ever ultimately does great good; that is, of helping them to help themselves. Every man of us needs such help at som time, and each of us should be glad to stretch out his hand to a brother who stumbles. But while every man needs at times to be lifted up when he stumbles, no man can afford to let him-self be earried, and it is worth no man's while to try thus to carry some one else. The man who lies down, who will not try to walk has become a mere cumberer of the carth's surface. These associations of yours try to make men self helpful and to help them when they are self helpful. They do not merely try to carry hem, to benefit them for the moment at the cost of their future undoing. This means that all in any way connected with them not merely retain, but increase, their self-respect. Any man wno takes part in the work of such an organiza-tion is benefited to some extent and benefits the community to some extent; of course, always with the provise that the organization is well managed, and is run on a business basis, as well as with a philanthropic purpose.

The feeling of brotherhood is necessarily as r

note from a patronizing spirit on the one hand as from a spirit of envy and malice on the other, The best work for our uplifting must be done by ourselves, and, yet with brotherly kindness for our neighbor. In such work, and, therefore, in the kind of work done by the Young Men's Christian association, we all stand on the selfrespecting basis of mutual benefit and comm effort. All of us who take part in any such work, in whatever measure, both receive and confer-benefits. This is true of the founder and giver. and it is no less true of every man who takes advantage of what the founder and giver have done. This brotherhood makes us all realize how much we have in common, and how much we can do when we work in common. I doubt if it pos-sible to over-estimate the good done by the mere fact of association with a common interest and for a common end, and when the common interest is high and the common end is peculiarly worthy the good done is, of course, many times in-

reased.

Besides developing this sense of brotherhood, the feeling which breeds respect for one's self and for others, your associations have a peculiar value in showing what can be done by acting in combination without aid from the state. While on the one hand it has become evident that under the conditions of modern life we cannot allow an unlimited individuation which may work harm to the community, it is no less evi dent that the sphere of the state's action should be extended very cautiously, and so far as posble, only where it will not crush out health individual initiative. Voluntary action by individuals in the form of associations of any kind for mutual betterment or mutual advantage often offer a way to evoid alike the danger of state control and the dangers of excessive individua This is particularly true of efforts for the most important of all forms of betterment-mora betterment-the moral betterment which usuall brings material betterment in its train.

Power of Evil.

It is only in this way by all of us working to either in a spirit of brotherhood, by each doing ais part for the betterment of himself and of others that it is possible for us to solve the tro mendous problems with which as a nation we as

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today,

General-Lining Up the Forces at Harrisburg N. C. A.

RAIN OR SNOW

Orthodox Hebrews Meet in New York. Successful Agricultural Experiments. General-Carbondale Department.

Local-Green Ridge Baptist Church Dedicated, Fimely Sermon by Rev. Dr. Giffin in Elm.

Note and Comment.

Local-Settlement Effected in the Street Railway Men's Strike

Local-West Scranton and Suburban, General-Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Pinancial and Commercial

Local-Mention of Some Men of the Hour, Live News of the Industrial World.

GENERAL KITCHENER

The British Post at Helvetia Is Captured by Boers-About Fifty Killed and Wounded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 31,-The war office has eceived the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 30, 7.50 a. m.-General Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded an 200 taken prisoner. "Colonel Kitchener reports that he

is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast. "Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg

railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment. Am asking for further information." London, Dec. 31 .- While Lord Kitcher sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year, the press

continues to take a surprisingly hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Poer activity. General De Wet is still at large, Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district, while, judging from

Lord Kitchener's very recent advices, no progress is being made against th Boer invaders in Cape Colony. According to further telegrams re ceived yesterday. Zeerust is practically beseiged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ottoshoop has been withdrawn to

with General Clements at Nooitge

dacht they lost 120 men. "It is understood that Lord Kitch ener cannot ask the colonies officially to send troops," says a Durban dis patch, dated Dec. 29, "but he desires it to be known in Australia and Cana da that Australians and Canad'ans arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in an irregular corps, which is proceeding to Johan nesburg for five months' service."

CUDAHY THREATENED.

Bandits Say They Will Kidnap His Other Children Unless Offer of Reward Is Withdrawn.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30 .- E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, has received a second communication from the men who kidnapped his son. This time, as formerly, the letter contains a threat and says in substance that unless he withdraws his offer of \$25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits, they will kidnap

another of his children. The letter refers to the failure of the police to get ruything like a tangible clue as to the laentity of the kidnappers, scoffs at the idea of Pat Crowe being one of them, mentions the case with which the "first job was pulled off," and concludes by saying that it Mr. Cudahy is as wise as he showed himself in the first instance, he will comply with the request and withdraw

the rewards at once. This letter was found by a servant of the Cudahy household in the yard of the house It is written on the same kind of yellow paper as the first and evidently by the same person. Mr. Cudahy turned the letter over to

Chief of Police Donahue. He says he has not withdrawn the reward, nor will he do so.

Jeffries-Ruhlin Fight.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cincinnati, Dec. 30,-It is announced that Ed 'cok, as the representative of Manager William A. Brady, will be here to open up defiries beadquarters this week, and that Jeffries is expected to go into training at West Baden, Ind. match for the preliminary of the Jeffries-Rublin fight here Feb. 15.

Body in a Mill Race. ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Altoona, Pa., Pec. 30 .- Saturday afternoon th posed body of a man, supposed to be Kelly, a eigarmaker of Philadelphia, wafound in a mill race which furnished water t the Union furnace, Huntingdon county. The mawas aged about 40 years.

Dowie Disturbances.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 31 .- Scandalous scenes occurred at a Dowie Zionist meeting in Bermondsey town hall last evening, the disturbance culminating in a free fight.

Ashanti Rebellion Ended. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 31 .- Colonel Willcocks has cabled the government that the Ashanti rebellicended, all of the chiefs having surrendered. *****

EXPERIMENTS IN AGRICULTURE

Publication of Successful Results of Trials Gonducted by the DIvision of Soils.

THE CROP OF SUMATRA

Experiments Have Failed to Demonstrate That It Can Be Successfully Raised Outside of Florida and Connecticut.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The publicaion of the successful results of the evaperiments conducted by the division of solis of the United States department of agriculture in co-operation with the Connecticut experiment station in the production of Sumatra tobacco near Hartford and the subsequent sale of the crop to a Kansas City firm, has caused widespread interest in the experiments among tobacco men. merous communications on the subject have been received by the department and two suggestions made as to the manner in which the tobacco should be disposed of. The first was that tobacleaf grown by the government should not have been sold, but should have been distributed in small quantities to dealers in leaf tobacco and other interested persons. The other was that if it had to be sold it should have been auctioned off at New York, Philadelphia and other point, so as to give all

eaf dealers an equal chance. In reply to these communications and suggestions, Professor Milton Whitney, hief of the division of soil, states that the tobacco was grown by and was the property of the Connecticut Tobacco Experiment company, which is virtually a state experiment station, and was sold by the company, the department having no rights in the matter. The crop was merely grown under the direction of the department. Professor Whitney thinks the proposition to sell at auction at a number of places is a good one, and says if the work is continued next year and a larger crop is to be handled this method of disposing of it should be adopted, and doubtless will be, by the Connecticut people, Cirowers are again warned against attempting to grow this tobacco ex-

cessful growth of Sumatra will be confined to Florida and Connecticut. COMPLIMENTS FROM CAINE.

cept where there is a reasonable chance

of success. So far as known the suc-

The Novelist Writes a Letter to the

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 30 .- Hall Caine, writing to the Sorosis, a local woman's dub, under date of Grebacastle, Isle

of Man, December 8, says: When one considers what the position of woman was, even in the most civilized countries, is recently as one hundred years ago, and how righ a place she has now won for herself, not only in the statute books of nations, but in the republic of art one cannot but feel that the change is even more remarkable than some of the great material developments which have distin-

nished the century. Speaking as one who has seen life in many countries, I feel that it is within the truth to say that the position of woman is higher in perica than in any other part of the world. For this result American women have, no doubt, to thank their own natural gifts and great inde-pendence of mind, but they have also, I think, be grateful to the splendid chivalry in the than in the best type of American gentlemen. (Signed)

BIG FIRE AT BLOOMSBURG.

Large Amount of Property Destroyed by a Gasoline Explosion.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 30 .- Fire here early this morning destroyed the machinery and carriages, storage house and residence occupied by W. F. Slagle and owned by George W. Stormer; the tin shop of George Moyer; the livery stable of William A. Hartzell and a barn owned by F. P. Billmeyer, and occupied by O. B. Woolsey. The barns of C. B. Lutz, L. N. Moyer and M. G. Quick were also badly burned. The total loss is estimated at \$22,000. Slagle's loss is \$7,000; Hartzell's, \$5,500; Moyer's, \$3,000, Sterner's, \$3,000; Woolsey's, \$500; Billmeyer's, \$800

The fire is supposed to have originated in Slagle's place by the explosion of a barrel of gasoline.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, Ky., Dec. 30.-Edward G. Bedford died near this city today, aged 86 years. He was a noted breeder of short corn cattle. He paid the highest price ever given for a short horn, \$36,900 for a bull at the New York mill sale in 1876. New York, Dec. 20 .- Hiram Hitchcock, the last of the founders of the Fifth avenue hotel, died at the hotel this morning, after a few days' illness from pneumonia. The deceased was born in New Hampshire in 1832. In 1859 with Alfred B. Darling and Paran Stevens, Mr. Hitchcock founded the Fifth Avenue hotel. In 1866 his health failed and he was forced to relinquish the active management of the hotel.

Markle's Proposition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Prem. Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 30.-The Lehigh traction ompany, through President Alvan Markle, today posted a proposition to pay all men in the em-ploy of the company for five years \$1.65 for ter hours work and all overtime to be paid extra. Those who have not been in the employ of the company five years are to receive \$1.50 for ten hours work. The employes my the proposition will be rejected.

++++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 20,-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania-Rain or snow Monday. Tuesday, colder and fair; variable winds, becom-ing northwesterly Monday night.